Improvement of Housing and Infrastructure Facilities under JNNURM

2839. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cities have been identified in Andhra Pradesh under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission for improving housing and infrastructure facilities like road, sanitation and drinking water;

(b) if so, the details of the cities so identified;

(c) whether any modalities have been worked out in consultation with the State Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The following three cities of Andhra Pradesh have been included in the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission:

(i) Hyderabad

(ii) Vishakhapatnam

(iii) Vijayawada.

(c) and (d) The State Government have been directed to constitute State Level Sanctioning Committee and also identify nodal agencies.

Scheme to improve environmental conditions

2840. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any scheme to improve the environmental conditions in various cities of Maharashtra and Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the work is yet to be commenced despite the approval given to some of the projects; and

(d) if so, the names of those cities where the work has no been commenced yet and the reasons therefor, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Transforming Mumbai into Shanghai

†2841. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister have made an announcement regarding transforming Mumbai into Shanghai;

(b) if so, whether any blue print has been prepared for the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir. However, Prime Minister during his visit to Mumbai on 6.10.2004 had announced that we should strive hard to transform Mumbai in the next five years in such a manner that people forget about Shanghai and start talking about Mumbai.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Ceiling of premises by MCD officials

2842. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to ceiling of premises by the MCD officials thousands of citizens become unemployed;

(b) if so, what are the steps Government are taking for their employment;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some vacant shops have also been sealed by the MCD officials; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) In its order dated

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